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1. On 8 August 1953, the Soviet M.S. UKHTA, sailing in ballast, passed the Kiel-Holtenau Canal for the first time on its way from Riga to Baku. It had a draft of three meters and, [REDACTED] a tonnage of 1,155 gross tons and 709 net tons. Its home port was Baku and the owner was Caspian Shipping Company in Baku. Its signal letters were UMCK and the captain's name was Yefimchuk (fnu). 25X1
2. On 20 August 1953, M.S. STAVROPOL, carrying a cargo of 3,790 tons of coal, passed the Kiel-Holtenau Canal for the first time, on its way from Gdynia to Piraeus. It had a draft of 6.7 meters and, [REDACTED] a gross tonnage of 2,780 tons, and a net tonnage of 1,454 tons. The ship's signal letters were UQQT; its home port was Riga and the shipping company was the Latvian State Shipping Company in Riga. It had a length of 103 meters, a beam of 14.72 meters, an engine power of 3,800 hp, and a speed of 13.5 knots. The ship was built in Gdansk in 1953, and its captain's name was Trush (fnu). 25X1
3. On 23 August 1953, M.S. CHARDZHOU passed the Kiel-Holtenau Canal in ballast, coming from Leningrad. It had a draft of 4.3 meters and, [REDACTED] of 336 tons. Its signal letters were UQFI. The ship was registered in Odessa and the shipping company was the Black Sea Shipping Company, Odessa. The ship was commanded by Captain Maksak (fnu). 25X1
4. On 1 September 1953, a group of six seiners passed the Kiel-Holtenau Canal enroute from Kaliningrad to Novorossiysk. [REDACTED] 25X1

All the ships were registered in Kaliningrad. Captain Nanzov (fnu), who commanded the group, stated that the seiners were bound for the Caspian Sea.

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5. On 2 September 1953, S.S. RZHEVSK, carrying 1,987 tons of mixed cargo, passed the Kiel-Holtensau Canal enroute from Gdansk to Taku Bar. The ship had a draft of 5.5 meters and, [redacted] was built by the Crichton Vulcan Shipyard in Turku, Finland. The ship was 5,660 gross tons and 2,788 net tons. Its signal letters were UQIC. This ship was registered in Kholmsk on Sakhalin Island and it was owned by Morflot in Kholmsk. The ship's speed was 12 knots and its master was Captain Danilov (fnu). 25X1
6. On 6 September 1953, S.S. PAVLODAR, carrying 1,700 tons of mixed cargo, passed the Kiel-Holtensau Canal on its first voyage from Gdansk to Vladivostok. It drew 5.5 meters. [redacted] it had a tonnage of 1,989 gross tons and 984 net tons. The ship's home port was Kholmsk and it was owned by Morflot in Kholmsk. The master was Captain Kushnarev (fnu). 25X1
7. On 14 September 1953, M.S. TIKHEVIN, carrying 679 tons of grain, passed through the Kiel-Holtensau Canal on its first voyage from Warnemuende to Rotterdam. It had a draft of 4.4 meters. [redacted] it had a tonnage of 674 gross tons and 279 net tons. Its signal letters were URR. The ship's home port was Riga and it was owned by the Latvian Shipping Company. 25X1

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